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1. SUMMARY. BDG SIGNED MARCH 20, 1977 A CONTRACT WITH
MOL ENTERPRISES, PERMITTING MOL TO EXPORT UP TO 5,000
MONKEYS ANNUALLY FROM BANGLADESH. HERewith BDG COMMENTS
ON THE PROPOSED NIH/JOHNS HOPKINS CONTRACT. WE RECOMMEND
NIH/JOHNS HOPKINS PLAN ON BEGINNING THEIR PROPOSED SURVEY
O/A NOVEMBER, 1977 FOLLOWING THIS SUMMER'S MONSOON.
END SUMMARY.

2. BY LETTERS DATED MARCH 16 AND MARCH 28, FROM THE FORESTS,
FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK DIVISION, SIGNED BY THE
SECRETARY (QAZI JALALUDDIN AHMED) AND JOINT SECRETARY
(DR. M. YOUSSEF ALI) RESPECTIVELY, THE BDG HAS PROVIDED
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NIH/JOHNS HOPKINS
CONTRACT, TRANSMITTED REFTEL (B): (THE PARA REFERENCES
ARE TO THE PARAS AS RECEIVED IN THAT MESSAGE)

(A) OPENING PARAGRAPH. IT APPEARS THAT THE
SURVEY WILL BE LIMITED TO RESERVE FOREST AREAS AND UN-
CLASSIFIED STATE FORESTS ABUTTING THE RESERVE FOREST AREAS.
IN SUCH A CASE THE SURVEY WILL BE LIMITED IN EXTENT.

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THERE ARE OTHER AREAS I.E. TOWNS AND CITIES, AGRICULTURAL
AND HORTICULTURAL LANDS WHERE MONKEY IS A PEST. SUCH
AREAS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE SURVEY. NECESSARY
INCORPORATION OF SURVEY PROVISION OF SUCH AREAS MAY BE
MADE IN PARA 1 OF THE CONTRACT.

(B) SECOND PARA, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR WILL

TRAIN UNQUOTE:

(I) IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED THAT THE CONTRACTOR WILL TRAIN AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE POSITION OF SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER IN THE F. F&L DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY.

I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE POSITION OF SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER IS A HIGH ASSIGNMENT REQUIRING ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE. THE SELECTION FOR SUCH POSITIONS IS MANDATORILY TO BE MADE BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THIS COUNTRY. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS GOVERNMENT CAN NOT COMMIT IN ADVANCE TO ACCEPT ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS TRAINING BY THE CONTRACTOR. I THEREFORE REQUEST YOU TO CONSIDER DELETING ALL PROVISION IN THE CONTRACT REGARDING ABSORPTION OF A SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH. IN ANY CASE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH IS NOT A PARTY TO THIS CONTRACT.

(KII) IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN THE CONTRACT THAT GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE FOUR (4) FOREST RANGERS FOR THE WORK. WE HAVE IN THE AMENDED DRAFT SENT TO YOU AGREED TO BE ABLE TO SPARE ONLY TWO FOREST RANGERS. NECESSARY AMENDMENT AND CORRECTIONS ARE SUGGESTED IN THE CONTRACT ACCORDINGLY WHEREVER RELEVANT.

(III) THE LAST TWO SENTENCES OF THIS PARA MAY PLEASE BE DELETED BECAUSE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOVT. TO AGREE TO SUCH PROVISIONS. (THIS REFERS TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FINAL SENTENCES, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION UNQUOTE.)

(C) THIRD PARA, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR WILL HIRE AND PAY UNQUOTE:

(I) IN PLACE OF SEVERENCE PAY I WOULD SUGGEST USE OF THE TERM "TRAVELLING AND COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCE". THE RATE OF SUCH ALLOWANCES SHOULD BE SUCH AS IS CONVENIENT TO THE RECIPIENT, KEEPING DUE REGARD TO THE PAYMENT MADE BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS COUNTRY.

(II) INSTEAD OF QUOTE SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER UNQUOTE I WOULD SUGGEST THE TERM "FIELD OFFICER" WHICH TRULY REFLECTS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY OF THE OFFICER AND SPARES THE GOVERNMENT FROM AN OBLIGATORY RECRUITMENT.

(III) THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE

EXCLUDED AS THIS IS OF NO RELEVENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH. IF ANY REFERENCE IS AT ALL ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND CONTRACTORS PERSONNEL SHOULD BE SHOWN SEPARATELY. (THIS RELATES TO THE SENTENCE BEGINNING QUOTE BANGLADESHI MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY UNQUOTE.)

(IV) THERE IS NO GRADING I.E. CLASS I OR EQUIVALENT RANGER IN THIS COUNTRY. (RELATES TO SAME SENTENCE AS (III) IMMEDIATELY ABOVE.)

(D) FOURTH PARA, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR WILL PAY FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS UNQUOTE:

(I) NO LAUNCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. CONSEQUENTLY THE EXPRESSION QUOTE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LAUNCHES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED BY THE F. F&L UNQUOTE AS WELL AS SUB PARA B OF THE SIXTH PARA SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE DELETED.

(II) IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THIS PARA REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT RATES MAY BE DELETED FOR REASONS ALREADY MENTIONED. (RELATES TO SENTENCE BEGINNING QUOTE PERSONNEL ALLOWANCES WILL BE PROVIDED UNQUOTE.)

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(E) FIFTH PARA, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR WILL PURCHASE OR PROVIDE UNQUOTE: ALL EQUIPMENTS AND STORES PURCHASED SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

AND NOT DISPOSED OF AS MENTIONED IN LAST SENTENCE.

(F) SIXTH PARA, BEGINNING QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR
WILL PRESENT AND OBTAIN UNQUOTE:

(A) SUB-PARA A SHOULD BE DELETED BECAUSE THIS IS
OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE SURVERY PROJECT.

(B) CONTENTS OF SUB-PARA C SHOULD BE LIMITED TO
NORMALLY AVAILABLE MAPS AND WORKING PLANS ONLY.

(C) SUB-PARA D SHOULD BE AMENDED FOR HIRING LAUNCHES
AT THE COST OF THE CONTRACTOR/NIH.

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CLAUSE SHOULD BE INCOUR-
PORATED: QUOTE THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT EMPLOY OR
TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH MAY BE OBJECTED TO OR NOT APPROVED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH UNQUOTE.

(G) SECRETARY'S LETTER CONCLUDES: THE AFORESAID
AMENDMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE DRAFT
QUOTE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BANGLADESH MINISTRY OF
FORESTS FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK AND THE US NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF HEALTH FOR CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF NON-HUMAN
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PRIMATES IN BANGLADESH UNQUOTE WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN
SENT TO YOU.

I SINCERELY BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE AMENDMENTS
ACCEPTABLE.

3. COPIES OF LETTERS FOLLOW BY AIRPOUCH FOR NEA/PAB
AND NIH.

4. MR. VICELLI OF MOL ENTERPRISES (SEE REFTEL D) SIGNED
MARCH 20 A TEN-YEAR CONTRACT CALLING FOR MOL TO SHIP
APPROXIMATELY 5,000 MONKEYS ANNUALLY FROM BANGLADESH.
FORESTS, FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE SECRETARY QAZI
JALALUDDIN AHMED SIGNED FOR BDG (WE HAVE CONFIRMED
SIGNING OF CONTRACT WITH OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR).
ACCORDING TO ROBERT HARRIS, EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO
ENSURE THE HEALTH OF MONKEYS BEFORE AND DURING THE SHIP-
MENT. MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE SUPERVISED BY
BANGLADESHI INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS. WHILE MOL WOULD
INITIALLY EMPLOY SEVERAL EXPATRIATES TO TRAIN THE BANGLA-
DESHIS, MOL'S PRESENCE IN BANGLADESH WOULD EVENTUALLY
BE LIMITED TO ONE OFFICER AT MOST TO SUPERVISE MOL
INTERESTS. POLITICAL ACCEPTABILITY AS WELL AS AN
ABILITY TO ORGANIZE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT WOULD BE

MOL'S CRITERIA FOR CHOSING A PARTNER FIRM. MOL WOULD ALSO TRY TO SET UP MONKEY BREEDING FARMS IN BANGLADESH.

5. COMMENT. THE BDG HAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED THE PROPOSED CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HAS GONE AHEAD WITH THE CONTRACT WITH MOL ENTERPRISES. THE SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE CONTRACT DO NOT APPEAR TOO SERIOUS TO US. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IF NIH AND JOHNS HOPKINS REMAIN INTERESTED, THAT THEY PLAN ON CONDUCTING A SURVEY BEGINNING O/A NOVEMBER 1977, FOLLOWING THE MONSOON. THIS WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO AGREE ON CONTRACT DETAILS WITH THE BDG. PLEASE ADVISE.
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